

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION  
SALEM, CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 19, 2011

Present

Pam Henry                      Bob Appleby  
Dave Kennedy                Al Giansanti  
Sue Spang/Chairperson

Absent

Jim Burke                      Peter Lee  
Kim Bingham                 Rich Cirillo

Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Call to order:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

1. Minutes:

**M/S/C (Appleby/Kennedy) to approve the November minutes as amended.**

**Vote: approved unanimously.**

Page 3 g. Basketball Gym Time

Art *Christian* will be informed by S. Spang to submit registration forms for the older age group. Their gym time will be on Sundays.

2. Treasurer's Report:

No report.

3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:

None

4. Additions & Revisions

None

5. New Business

a. Holiday Tree Lighting

S. Spang reported the Holiday Tree Lighting went very well. The event was well attended. Residents brought bird friendly, biodegradable ornaments to decorate the new tree.

P. Henry will have sheet music printed up for next year to help residents with the holiday singing.

S. Spang reminded Commission members to submit their receipts for reimbursement.

b. Ethics Policy

S. Spang will hand out to Commission member's copies of the Town of Salem Ethics Policy. All members must sign that they received a copy.

c. Concession Stand

S. Spang reported to the Commission she was asked to go to the concession stand by a Public Works employee. After the facilities had been winterized, entry was made by someone with a key and the toilets were used.

P. Henry seemed to think the portable toilets were taken away too soon. The fields are used until the end of October. When the school team was there using the fields, they had to return to the school to use the bathroom facilities.

S. Spang will request the school submit field use forms to the Commission. S. Spang was not aware the fields were being used at that time for school sports events.

Electronic locks might be purchased for next year to help with the situation of the doors being unlocked when they should not be used.

S. Spang did say the concession stand was cleaned up very nicely for closing by the baseball league.

S. Spang requested the bathrooms not be used for storage of baseball equipment and asked if the items could be stored in the concession area. Public Works would like the area clear if they need to work in the bathroom area.

d. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported three after school programs were run recently. There will be more planned for after the first of the year.

Zumba will take place starting January 23; more attendance is needed in order for this to take place.

Yoga class will be offered starting in January.

B. Appleby will discuss with D. Weston the possibility of holding a bus trip to a professional soccer game.

6. Old Business

a. Forsyth Road – None

b. Baseball- Registration will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at Salem School in the hallway. Pitching and catching clinics are taking place now.

c. Soccer- The program "I Soccer" will take place starting January 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a skill and training program.

- d. Basketball- S. Spang contacted Art Christian concerning the Saturday pickup games for the older children and the Sunday Recreation League. Mr. Christian was informed the Saturday time slot for this will be given to the younger children due to the overwhelming response to the program. No older children were showing up for the allotted time frame.

The Sunday Recreation League cannot take place until Mr. Christian has registration forms handed in to the Recreation Commission. No referee fees will be paid or gym time use will be assigned until this is done.

S. Spang will check with Dennis Moore to see if the team he is working with is a travel team. She was informed there was no travel team at this time.

Courtney Holmgren has rules posted for the adult pickup games on “Facebook” and he also has a sign in sheet posted for attendees to sign before play.

Chris Puglise purchased two backboards for the smaller children to use. (Approx. \$650.00)

- e. Tennis – None

- f. Multi-purpose Path – No report.

#### 7. Other Business

P. Henry reported volleyball is not taking place on Friday nights; no one was showing up to play. S. Spang asked if Steve Wlordarcyk could be connected to verify this information.

Baseball is looking for more gym time; they will be placed in the Friday time slots if volleyball is not using the gym.

S. Spang reminded the Commission budget time is approaching.

There is \$28,000.00 in the Capitol Budget for improvements to the RHR parking lot. More formalized plans are needed. The waterline to the concession stand, septic and electric needs to be located at the site. A retaining wall will need to be installed in the parking area by the tennis courts.

The asphalt for the parking lot at Forsyth Road Volunteer Park will be added to next year’s Capitol Budget.

D. Kennedy will discuss with his son David work on the major league field press box using the same footprint for his Eagle Scout project.

#### 8. Future Action Items

None

#### 9. Adjournment

**M/S/C (Appleby/Henry) to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Vote: approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Diane Weston  
Recording Secretary